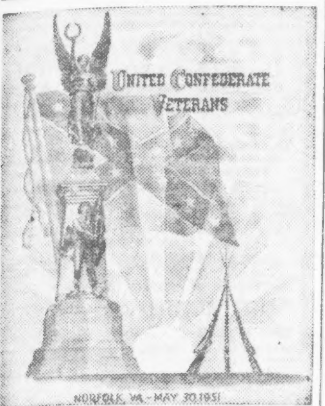


Six Austrian inventors and their best known invention are shown on a set of six semi-postal stamps issued in 1930 by Austria.



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Baltimore, Ohio

PRECANCEL MYTHS

There are certain notions that persist in the general philatelic field about Precancels that are untrue or only partly true. These ideas, or what have you, come up every now and then in the correspondence or dealings with general stamp collectors. This despite the fact this editor and all other Precancel Editors in the regular stamp papers have written numerous articles to the contrary.

We herewith list the most consistent of these mis-impressions and try once again to explain the plain facts concerning them. There are many others that need a little adjusting done to them also but the few wrong slant ideas we list will suffice for this time.

I guess the most persistent misconception of precancels is the idea that MINT precancels are worth more. Gum is definitely of no interest to a precancel collector and he promptly removes it from any stamps that he has. It has NO VALUE whatsoever. I guess the idea is so hard to dispel because regular stamp collectors value GUM so highly in their field.

There is no higher priced article in the philatelic field than gum. If you don't think so figure out how much there is on one stamp and then compute its value with gum and without gum and from the weight of the gum of one stamp figure out how much it is a gram. Platinum, Gold or Diamonds can hardly compare in value in some instances.

One idea used to be thrown at me that if a precancel had the bars clear across the stamp it was a Bureau. This idea of course was gained from the fact that a lot of City Type Electros of days past had short bars, both ends would show on the stamp, while the first buros had heavy bars that ran the length of the sheet and of course were continuous across the stamp. There were in those days and in later times Electros made for City use many Precancel plates wherein the bars or lines were continuous.

Most of the U-12 plates were that way and there were other special plates. So the rule or idea is NO GOOD because there are far too many exceptions. The best way to tell a Bureau from a City Type is to purchase a Bureau Catalog and compare the illustration in that catalog with the stamps you have at hand.

Another old saw is that inverts in Precancels are worth more than normals. This is one of the Part Truths. First no invert or any other position has any added value if the precancel is a HAND-STAMP precancel.

In City type printed precancels it is true some inverts are worth more. There are plenty of exceptions. There are several cities that had 50 subject plates and when these were used they simply fed the sheet in for one impression removed it, turned it around and fed the other end in the press. Consequently in

every sheet half were normal and half were inverted. It was the intention of most pressmen to feed the sheets in the normal way so that in a lot of cases an inverted sheet was scarcer than the normal.

There are a few collectors who collect repaired plates and the other defects that appear on Bureaus. In fact a catalog was published at one time on this specialty. That was at least ten years ago and another edition is not contemplated at this time, so there evidently is not much interest in that field. Taking a cue from those collectors were a few that tried to capitalize on the breaks on the many City Type Electros in use. It is an interesting field and in some plates there are some mighty definite and interesting breaks, but speaking in a broad sense there really is no value in City Type plate breaks.

The City Type plates were subject to pretty hard use and mis-handling in a lot of cases and in some they were used so much they just disintegrated. Those things that show up on a plate, that are constant and that are more than specks here or there are often saved by State specialists where they exist in their state.

In Ohio there is a definite break in the U-10 plate from Cleveland and on the Toledo plate (U-2), there is a sickle, just like Uncle Joe's. The Jackson, Mich. U-12 plate broke up pretty badly near the end of its use. The Minneapolis U-3 plate probably had some sort of a gripper bar pressed in it one time, and there are others. The little piece broken off of a letter or the like is quite rightly ignored and the value is no greater for the stamp than it merits without the break. A lot of collectors want to make precancel collecting tough not easy.

Slogan For Detroit On 250th Anniversary

According to Moe Luff of New York City Detroit which failed to get a commemorative stamp for the 250th anniversary of its founding will get a slogan cancellation instead. Order for the dies has been placed but the actual use of them is still many weeks away.

Also reported by Mr. Luff is that the last day of use of the Fight Infantile Paralysis slogan in NYC was January 31.

Collectors might also be in-

terested to know that of all the cities using the Fight TB slogan, only Fort Walton, Iowa used it on an International HD (hand driven) machine.

Slogans which had a first use in 1950 and which have been carried over into 1951 are the Home of Casey Jones at Jackson, Tenn.; Intercollegiate Rowing Association, Marietta, Ohio; Help Prevent Forest Fires, Virginia, Minn. and Pottsville, Pa.; Register or Insure Valuable Mail, Dassel, Minn.

Collectors interested in postmarks and slogan cancellations are banded together in the U. S. 20th Century Postal Cancellation Society details about which can be gotten from Mr. Luff at 1557 Hoe Ave., New York 60, N. Y.

Big Things Planned For Tulsa Celebration

On April 14 and 15 the Tulsa Stamp Club will celebrate its 500th consecutive meeting with the holding of an Invitation Stamp Exhibit in the Exhibit Rooms of the Hotel Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from 10:00 a. m. until 10:00 p. m. on Saturday, and from 10:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. on Sunday.

The Tulsa Club will have such outstanding exhibits as Dr. Don Silsby's 19th Century U. S.; Gordon Bleuler's Indian Territory Covers; John Pope's St. Louis Bears and 1847's; Harry Whitman's No. 1's of the World, which is almost complete; Fred Shaw's blocks of the Jubilees; Walter Hopper's Electric Eye collection. President Shirk of the O. P. S. will exhibit his Oklahoma Territorial and there will be other outstanding collections not heard from as yet.

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133 .13	.10 .03 .04	133a .13	.10 .03 .04
134 .21	.18 .04 .05	134a .21	.18 .04 .05
135 .25	.20 .04 .05	135a .25	.20 .04 .05
136 .49	.42 .28 .32	136a .49	.42 .28 .32
137 .48	.40 .24 .29	137a .48	.40 .24 .29
138 3.10	2.10 1.75 2.20	138a 3.10	2.10 1.75 2.20
139 .48	.40 .08 .09	139a .48	.40 .08 .09
140 .60	.54 .10 .13	140a .60	.54 .10 .13
141 .85	.72 .14 .17	141a .85	.72 .14 .17
142 .95	.85 .75 .85	142a .95	.85 .75 .85
143 1.25	1.10 .33 .36	143a 1.25	1.10 .33 .36
144 11.75	9.75 9.50	144a 11.75	9.75 9.50
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147 .13	.10 .03 .04	147a .13	.10 .03 .04
148 .36	.33 .13 .15	148a .36	.33 .13 .15
149 .43	.37 .10 .13	149a .43	.37 .10 .13
150 .45	.33 .10 .13	150a .45	.33 .10 .13
151 .55	.48 .15 .18	151a .55	.48 .15 .18
152 1.20	.99 .98	152a 1.20	.99 .98
153 1.10	.95 .18 .21	153a 1.10	.95 .18 .21
154 .72	.59 .56	154a .72	.59 .56
155 .70	.60 .54 .60	155a .70	.60 .54 .60
156 .66	.50 .17 .20	156a .66	.50 .17 .20
157 .75	.60 .17 .20	157a .75	.60 .17 .20
158 2.80	2.40 2.60	158a 2.80	2.40 2.60
159 .95	.85 .10 .13	159a .95	.85 .10 .13
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164 .07	.06 .03 .04	164a .07	.06 .03 .04
165 .11	.09 .03 .04	165a .11	.09 .03 .04
166 .22	.19 .05 .06	166a .22	.19 .05 .06
167 .27	.24 .05 .06	167a .27	.24 .05 .06
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114	3.00	2.60	2.50	3.00	175 .68
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116	.07	.05	.03	.04	178 2.40
117	.08	.06	.03	.04	179 1.05
118	.18	.13	.05	.07	180 4.75
119	.23	.16	.04	.06	181 7.50
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121	1.70	1.35	—	—	1931-37.
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123	8.00	5.95	3.90	4.50	184 .04
124	1.75	1.45	—	—	185 .12
125	3.65	3.20	3.15	3.50	186 .11
Set	20.00	1.50	1.45	1.80	187 .06
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140	.60	.54	—	—	209 .15
141	.85	.72	—	—	210 .44
142	.95	.85	.75	.85	1933. L
143	1.25	1.10	.73	.36	211 .55
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Good News From Washington

For several years past American collectors have been griping because many of the little vest pocket countries of Europe have been flooding this country with super duper multi-color stamps that for fascination and appearance have put our finely engraved issues in a back seat. There is little doubt in the minds of those who know, that our engravers are all top men in their field. Due to the fact that when we make stamps we need so many of them to care for postal needs, it has never been a practical thing for our Department to produce them in multi-color in sufficient quantity.

Lots of the British Colonials of recent years have been beautifully engraved two and sometimes three color jobs. The British can do this for they need but a few thousand stamps to supply the small colonies about the world so we have been brought up to expect something nice from home and we have not been getting it.

Now however we have news that Washington is experimenting with new presses and new production methods. We can hope soon to have some U. S. issues that will equal anything that comes from other countries.

That is of course provided the Department will ask top notch artists to make the drawings. There is no question about being able to produce the stamps. This is proven by what is being done in Switzerland, Austria and other countries. We know that American workmen can do as well and we will be satisfied with nothing better, so hold your breath dear readers, they are going to come just as soon as things can be shaped up properly.

Postage stamps are wonderful propaganda items, they can and do go behind the Iron Curtain when other things can not get there. Our Uncle Sam is perhaps awakening to this fact and we should see some very handsome stamps within a short time.

Modern lithography has made it possible to produce stamps in two or three colors at a less price than we can produce the single color engraved stamps and modern lithography also makes it possible to get pictures and results that for beauty and attraction can not be matched by the present printing methods. In the future we can look for more short sets of stamps when an event of note is to be commemorated. It is a small job to produce a set of three to five varieties and an economical job at that so that instead of one lone engraved stamp we should be able to have short sets which will go a long way toward making United States stamps just as pretty and attractive as are those that Uncle Joe has been unloading over here for some years past. A short set of three to five stamps can be made that will carry a face value of 10c to 25c for the set and they will be big sellers all over the world. So let us have some of these kind of stamps and we can forget the picture labels that have been flooding the country for years past.

On To Hawaii

We are glad to hear of others who are booked for the trip to Hawaii in June. A recent list of those who have already made their reservations carries the names of Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Armstrong, Newell, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Fisher, Altadena, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Linquist, New York; Mrs. A. Duncan Shaffer, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. E. Milnor Peck, Pleasantville, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Templar, Syracuse, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Usticke, New York; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Brash, and Mr. and Mrs. George Geib of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. Joseph Clary, San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Root, Plymouth, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Linn, Sidney, Ohio.

We have just had a letter from Mr. Root in which he states that they will sail on the Lurline on June 20th. That is the way we are going also and if there are others who will sail on this boat we hope to hear from them.

It will be almost impossible to get boat reservations later so if you plan to go make arrangements immediately. If you must cancel, you can do so without penalty. The Kelso Travel Bureau, Euclid at Greene, Pasadena, Calif. are handling reservations for the Hawaiian boys, so write them direct if you are going.

A Good Samaritan

I have had many letters from collectors about my stamp room. They seem to keep coming week after week and a great number of them have been so interesting that I just can not help mentioning them and perhaps doing this will help some other collectors accomplish what some of these writers have accomplished. I have already told of instances similar to what I will say here, and there have been several of them.

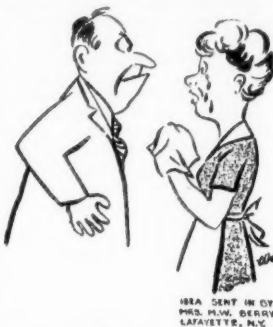
A man who admits that he became interested in stamps away back in 1886, that was when I was but two years old, tells of showing the article on my stamp room to his good wife. Her first act was to ask him to accompany her and she led him to a room, which they had used as an upstairs living room in their large home. She waved her hand and said, "here, you take possession of this room, move your stamps, albums, working tools into this room which shall henceforth be yours just to leave all things as you choose, free from disturbance without necessity of putting them away."

The gentleman says, "You see, I had been using our dining room which made it necessary for me to pick up and put away after every session with my stamps."

We are pleased for this collector and hope that others will have as much success. Just the opposite of this was told me by a collector member of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club at Cleveland on March 17th. This man said that their children had all grown up and left, that they had four upstairs bedrooms and he had suggested to the wife that he use one of them for a stamp room, but the good little woman refused, he said she just had it filled with a lot of trash. There was but one thought I could pass on to this man and I merely suggested that maybe he ought to get another wife.

If the women would only realize what a room of this nature can mean to a man they would cooperate and if they did cooperate, I am sure that it would not take them a long time to find out and realize they had done the right thing.

DOUBLE IMPRESSIONS—by Well



"But they all came from Washington, D. C. and we don't know anyone there—and besides they all contained blank pieces of cardboard, so I thought it was some silly joke and tossed them all in the fireplace."

Mid-April Exhibition Banquet At Allentown

The Allentown Philatelic Society, Allentown, Penna., will present a stamp exhibition at the Hotel Traylor in Allentown on April 13, 14, and 15. The exhibition will include approximately 200 frames and an exhibit from the United States Post Office Department.

A bourse of stamp dealers from New York, Philadelphia, and Allentown will be present. There will be two grand awards, one for members and one for non-members, also trophies for each class.

At previous exhibitions, it has been the custom to select as a theme, either a local historical event, or a prominent citizen, to be honored in the program, cacheted cover, and seals. This year's theme will honor the late General Harry Clay Trexler, one of Allentown's outstanding citizens in life and revered benefactor in death.

An illustrated philatelic souvenir program, in addition to the regular program items, will include philatelic articles.

The cacheted cover at 15 cents each and the seal at 10 cents each may be obtained by mail, with proper remittance, plus a 3 cent stamp for undercover mailing. The illustrated program will be an additional 20 cents. Mail remittance to the Allentown Philatelic Society, 323 N. 22nd St., Allentown, Penna.

Dayton Collectors To Hear About Precancels

Members of the Dayton Philatelic Society are going to hear about precancels at the meeting of April 2. The session will be held at the club's regular meeting place, the Loretto, at 125 W. First St. in downtown Dayton.

Richard D. Fullerton, a Dayton man, and a well known specialist in the field will do the talking supplementing his remarks with pages from his collection. This meeting as well as all other meetings of the DPS is open to interested persons.

On April 16, an auction of material supplied by the members is scheduled. Chairman of the auction committee has indicated that already a fine lot of material has been placed for sale.

Meetings of the Dayton Philatelic Society are held on the first and third Mondays at the Loretto.

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The Museum is proud in its first attempt at a single-subject topical exhibition—Benjamin Franklin—to show, not only every United States stamp bearing a likeness of Benjamin Franklin in the United States, but also overprinted stamps from Cuba, Philippines, Guam, Canal Zone and Puerto Rico. As far as is known, only three foreign countries have honored Benjamin Franklin on their stamps. They are San Marino, Indonesia and Liberia.

However, many cities and towns in the United States and Canada have honored Franklin with post offices bearing his name. Contributors to this three times larger than ordinary Museum publication include Donald M. Steele, Dr. Howard K. Thompson, PMG Jesse M. Donaldson, Major Thomas Coulson, director of Franklin Institute, who has the largest article in the book with illustrations of original letters of Ben Franklin, Walter D. Fuller, Gerald Walker, James H. Baxter, Dr. John Freehafer, Philip H. Ward, Jr. and Harry M. Buten.

Also participating were various organizations, museums and companies all of whom have some legitimate connection with Franklin.

Luxembourg Completes Series Of Regulars

On March 15 the Postal Administration of Luxembourg released seven additional denominations in the Grand Duchess Charlotte design, profile facing left, Scott type A45. They were 5c, 10c, 40c and 1.25, 2.50, 3 and 3.50Fr.

With the eleven values previously released during 1948 and 1949 the series which is said to be completed with the new ones will total eighteen.

They replace stamps of the 1944-46 series for regular postage which also had a portrait of Grand Duchess Charlotte, facing right, and a reproduction of the heraldic lion. These were withdrawn from sale on February 20.

The new and the superceded series will be available at face, the latter until April 30, at the Direction des Postes, Office des Timbres a Luxembourg, Luxembourg. Interested collectors can write there for a copy of the list of postage stamps for sale at face.

According to the Luxembourg Philatelic Study Club quantities of the 1950 Caritas semipostal set,

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When the National Philatelic Museum of Philadelphia sponsored an exhibition recently featuring stamps having Benjamin Franklin in their designs, Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson wrote a rather interesting letter to Bernard Davis, Museum Director for the occasion. Franklin as postmaster for the Colonies back in the 1700's might be considered Mr. Donaldson's long ago predecessor in office. It was thought fitting to have an expression of thought from the current occupant of the Postmaster General's office, and Mr. Donaldson graciously replied as follows:

"Mr. Bernard Davis, Director
"National Philatelic Museum
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"Phila. 22, Penna.

"Dear Mr. Davis:

"I am pleased to learn from your letter of January 3, that the National Philatelic Museum is staging an exhibition solely on the stamps issued portraying Benjamin Franklin. This is a most fitting tribute to the Postmaster General of the Colonies.

"For your information I am transmitting herewith a statement showing the total receipts and expenditures of the Post Office Department from 1789 to 1948. I am sure that you will be astounded at the rapid increase in the Post Office Department over the years.

"Since June 30, 1945, the annual cost of operating the postal service has increased by more than one billion dollars, while the annual receipts have increased 250 million dollars. This has increased the gap between receipts and expenditures to approximately 750 million dollars. Little or nothing has been done to increase the revenues to at least partly close the gap. About 800 million dollars of this additional cost covers well-deserved salary increases for postal people, and approximately 150 million dollars is for additional cost for transportation of the mail by surface and by air. We have no control over either. There have been increased costs to cover rentals on buildings occupied by post offices and stations, trucks, equipment and supplies.

Over the years little attention was paid to the amount of the deficit until it became so large dollar-wise. It then began to attract attention notwithstanding the fact that the postal service had grown to become the greatest single business institution of the country and notwithstanding the fact that the deficit during a number of years of operation was greater percentage-wise than it is today. In other words, in the fiscal year 1852 the deficit was 37% of the revenues; in 1853 the deficit was 52% of the revenues; in 1860 the deficit was 12% of the revenues; in 1921 the deficit was 34% of the revenues; in 1948 it was 22% of the revenues, and in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950, the deficit was approximately 33% of the revenues.

Because the current deficit is large dollar-wise, many statements have been made to the effect that this indicates archaic methods, poor management and much waste in the operation of the service. This is not a good yardstick and such figures do not reflect good or poor management.

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If it did, then there must have been some poor management in previous years when the deficit was much larger percentage-wise than it is today. However, the deficit is much too great and I have been trying to do something about it for the past two years or more.

There seems to be little or no inclination to increase rates on low-revenue producing mail and many of those who feel that the rate should not be increased frequently make statements to the effect that if the Post Office Department was modernized and streamlined, and a new accounting system was inaugurated, some 250 to 300 million dollars' annual savings could be made. They do not realize that annual savings of not more than 25 million dollars could be made if we eliminated entirely all accounting now performed by the postal service. In other words, if we discarded all our records and maintained no accounts at all, it would be most optimistic to think we could save in excess of 25 million dollars per annum.

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ST. LUCIA. It is now reported that the special 12c stamp to commemorate the rebuilding of Castries will be released in June, the same month in 1948 when the destruction by fire occurred. In August 1951, St. Lucia will release some overprinted stamps to commemorate the new constitution.

AUSTRALIA. As previously announced the new 3d stamp was released on February 28. The design and color are the same as the 2½d stamp, #227. It is now announced that the second stamp with change of color due to changes in postal rates, was released on March 28.

It is a 2d stamp, the same color and design as the current 1½d stamp, #228, except for the change in denomination.

Both of these superceded stamps will be available until stocks on hand are exhausted. Inasmuch as both 227 and 228 were issued in 1950 and were in use only a short time, they probably will eventually be good.

TONGA. The long promised Treaty of Friendship Commemorative set will not be released on April 2 as previously announced. The Crown Agents advise that further announcement will be made as to the date of release.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Gibbons announce a newly found error in an 84 year old stamp. A sheet of the 3d blue of 1867 (5 x 6) has just been found with one row of vertical perforations missing. This provided just 6 mint horizontal pairs, imperforate between, which they offer at 20 Pounds per pair.

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GARFIELD-PERRY (Continued from page 1)

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The bourse was patronized by numerous local dealers and by out of town dealers from New York to Chicago and points in between. Most of the dealers appeared to be quite active with customers and much very attractive material was on display.

The annual dinner held Saturday night was attended by around 100 members and their ladies. The floor show which is a part of the entertainment was excellent, the work of two lovely girls in acrobatic dancing was such that they would fit readily into any first class theatrical event.

Dr. John Gluck was in charge of this entertainment and has had this spot in Garfield-Perry for years past, always bringing in talent that has given a good show.

The dinner, even despite high prices of today was excellent and all that anyone could ask for. Donald Lybarger, now Judge Lybarger, and past president of the American Philatelic Society acted as toastmaster. There was little or no speech-making other than the brief remarks of the various members who presented the cups. Louis A. Hanford always has more to say than anyone else and I am sure that others like myself enjoy every minute that Louie is on his feet.

The high spot of Saturday afternoon was the Hi-Hat Auction under the able management of Nelson P. LaGanke. These sales are always filled with desirable stamps that are wanted by a considerable number of collectors and spirited bidding is usually the rule.

Both nights following the activities of the day, the more active members of the club hold their midnight till dawn sessions in some one of the many "Ante" rooms and the Saturday night session was quite a large one. The boys from out of town, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Michigan and other points always do a good business at these meetings.

I spent some time with the boys on Saturday night while Mrs. Linn sat and watched and was entertained with some tall stories by Louie Hanford.

All in all the sixty-first annual meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club is certain to go on record as one of the most satisfactory that the club has ever held. This is due no doubt to the able work of President Donald Goertz and the many experienced members of the committees and

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Our Famous Americans

by H. M. Brehm

SAMUEL Finley Breese MORSE
Inventor

Born in Charlestown, Mass. 1791—died 1872. He became famous as an American portrait artist quite some time before he became the inventor of the magnetic telegraph. He painted many famous people in Boston, Charleston, N. C. and New York from 1815 to 1837, and was founder and first president of the National Academy of Designs.

As professor at New York University, he interested himself in the possibilities of a magnetic telegraph, and gradually evolved the first crude ticker for dots and dashes. He invented the "Morse" code, or alphabet, for use on his instrument, filing a caveat to cover at the U. S. Patent Office in 1837—and later endeavored in vain to get European patents.

He made public exhibitions of his apparatus in New York and other cities in the east, until finally the U. S. Congress in 1843 voted him \$30,000 for an experimental line between Washington and Baltimore which was promptly built, and across which line Morse clicked that famous first message "What hath God wrought!" on May 24, 1844.

He became involved in much litigation over the rights to the invention, but all courts upheld him, and eventually he enjoyed some measure of prosperity as a result of his invention. A statue of him stands in Central Park in New York City, and he was soon voted a member of the American Hall of Fame.

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For eleven straight years, ending with 1946, the Camden Lodge of Elks sold the seals issued by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults and retained part of the funds for aid to crippled children in the vicinity of Camden.

Early in 1947 they were notified by the Crippled Children Society that they were going to open a New Jersey office and therefore their seals would no longer be available for sale by the Elks. The Camden lodge at once laid plans for its own seal and Mr. Leonard Warren, a cartoonist for the Philadelphia Record, drew the design for this first issue. The sale was entirely local in the vicinity of Camden and was held exclusively by the Camden lodge. These seals were printed by a Philadelphia printing concern and were in one color, blue on white paper, in sheets of 100.

Since this first issue a seal has been issued each year and each a different design follows:

1948—Designed by Leonard Warren, printed by the same Philadelphia concern in sheets of

100 and in the colors yellow and deep purple on white paper. A few other lodges in New Jersey purchased these seals from the Camden lodge and sold them in their communities.

1949—Again designed by Leonard Warren but printed by Eureka Specialty Printing Co., of Scranton, Pa. All in sheets of 100 in colors rose, light blue and yellow on white paper. Additional lodges in New Jersey used the seal this year and the sale became more widespread.

1950—Designed by Leonard Warren and printed by Eureka in sheets of 100, colors green, red and yellow. This time the seal sale was handled by the New Jersey Elks Assn., and covered the entire state with the various lodges handling the sale in their community.

1951—This year the design incorporated a photograph of the head of a boy, Bruce Cathcar, aged 5, of Dunnellen, N. J., who had been completely rehabilitated by the Elks Assn. through funds raised by seal sales. This boy had lost both legs, but by the use of braces and artificial legs supplied by the Elks he can now play almost as well as normal boys. The seals were again printed by Eureka in sheets of 100 in colors purple, yellow, red and blue on white paper.

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The Israel Philatelic Society of Philadelphia accomplished several things at a recent meeting. The members agreed to change the name to Israel Stamp Society and elected new officers.

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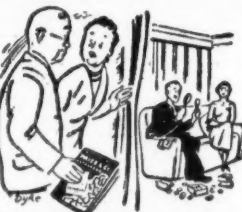
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While it involves a little repe-
tition, I believe that you will
be interested to know the few
further facts about Captain
Schrier of the United States Ma-
rine Corps.On page one of the February
26 edition was a picture taken
atop Mount Suribachi on Iwo Ji-
ma just a few minutes after Ro-
senthal took his world famous
picture of the flag raising ap-
pearing on the Iwo Jima stamp.
It was mentioned that the man
on the extreme left was Captain
Schrier who had been killed in
Korea in January.A letter from Mrs. Schrier cor-
rected this inaccuracy. She stated
that her husband's death was re-
ported by two of the large news
services, and that this report had
been accepted throughout the na-
tion in good faith. She was
touched to receive letters from
folks in all parts of the coun-
try, persons she never knew, who
offered her courage and sym-
pathy.Captain Schrier is not dead—
he is now with his wife in Bir-
mingham, Alabama, to all ap-
pearances fully recovered from
his wounds, and on recruiting
duty for the Marine Corps.His was one of the companies
cut off by the Reds last Novem-
ber at the Changjin Reservoir.
In fighting their way back to
the coast through the frigid, be-
low zero cold in desolate country,
he was wounded by enemy shrap-
nel in the neck on December 2.He was evacuated to the coast
the same day, and in a hospital
in Japan on the next, December
3.The week of March 4 another
medal was added to those he has
merited to date. It was the Bronze
Star with "V", the V being an
extra citation because the award
was earned in combat. He has al-
so gotten his third Purple Heart.Captain Schrier has been not-
ified that he is to receive another
award because of his participa-
tion in the Changjin Reservoir
campaign but hasn't been told
what it will be.1. Other than the Iwo Jima,
has a uniformed Marine ever
been pictured on a U. S. post-
age stamp?2. A commemorative stamp,
which does not carry his name,
shows Peter Minuet. Which one
is it? As a hint the Kalmar My-
ckel can be seen in the back-
ground. (Now I gave it all away!)I understand that several Con-
gressmen, who no doubt have
been severely prodded by their
constituents, are ready to take
the bit in their teeth and give
the Post Office Department a
hard way to go. This smolder-
ing rebellion has been brought
on by the Department's announced
program of four commems for
1951, only one of the four hav-
ing any reasonable reason for
its appearance—the UCV.Over a hundred bills have
been prepared for Congressional
consideration by as many leg-
islators who feel for the most part
that their projects are as worthy
or more so than the events se-
lected for philatelic remembrance.I am afraid that I will have
to agree with them in a number
of instances. The Department has
disappointed many citizens, not
only the stamp collecting ones,
but others with their selection,
and the curtailed program.Even those philatelic writers
who in the past have been fence
straddlers, or "Silent Sams" when
it comes to writing about the De-
partment, have joined their more
courageous brethren in adversely
criticizing the stamp program
and the people who set it up.If Postmaster General Donald-
son don't want his Department
all jammed up with stamps to be
issued by Congressional mandate,as in 1948, he better get those
members of his staff off their
high horses who are thus put-
ting him on the spot with their
stamp selections.My information comes from
the Capitol.While various persons are cook-
ing up designs for the UCV
stamp, Martin H. Fullenlove of
Louisville, Ky. thought he would
try a hand at it. His effort is
pictured herewith.He has the stamp in the flag's
true colors, and as a five center.
There is no chance for the for-
mer, but the denomination could be
changed.Incidentally, the design pro-
posed by August Dietz, Sr. shown
here March 19 was rejected by
the Post Office Department.Mr. Fullenlove sent along a
few sidelights about two of the
prominent men of the Civil War
era. He points out that Lincoln,
and Jefferson Davis, the Con-
federate president, were born not
many miles from each other in
Kentucky.Writing about Jeff Davis, he
states that he was a West Point
graduate, an officer in the United
States Army, a participant in the
Mexican War, and was the son-
in-law of a president of the
United States, Zachary Taylor.Mrs. Otto J. Rowen of Dear-
born, Mich., which is very near
Detroit, is another citizen of
Michigan who is very disappoint-
ed that Detroit did not get a
commemorative stamp to mark
the 250th anniversary of its
founding.Writing of her chagrin, she
stated, "Incidentally, many people
in this area are disappointed that
there is no indication of the is-
sue of a stamp commemorat-
ing the 250th anniversary of De-
troit.""After all, one wonders what
the postal authorities consider
a basis for commemoration, the
ability to lay an egg or toot an
engine whistle?"Them's my sentiments, exact-
ly, Mrs. Rowen!!Some of you "one day" Irish,
as well as those who are the Mc-
Coy, might want to file away this
information for next year's St.
Patrick's Day. I had to look it
up anyhow, so you might as well
have it.These are post offices which
have an Irish flavor, and the
postmarks of which you might
want to get on cover on St. Pat-
rick's Day, March 17, 1952. As
far as I know, none of them sup-
ply a cachet of any kind—you'll
have to make your own.Shamrock, in Florida, Missouri,
Oklahoma and Texas.Ireland in Indiana, Texas and
West Virginia.Erin in New York and Tennes-
see.

St. Patrick, Missouri.

I have some but not all the
above in my cover collection.
From Erin, N. Y. this year, Carl
A. Morrell of Elmira, N. Y. sent
a very attractive St. Patrick's Day
Cover, Irish all over the face of
the envelope, and on the stuffer
as well.At St. Patrick, Mo. a green
rubber stamped shamrock cachet
can be gotten but not from the
post office. You have to send your
request to Father O'Duignan of
the shrine of St. Patrick who
applies it to your prepared cov-
ers. You can if you want en-
close a small donation toward the
building of a new church there.It has always seemed to me that
Father O'Duignan is passing up
a bet by using that unattractive
green shamrock cachet each year.
It has all the appearance of being
worn out, and certainly cov-
ers marked with it add nothing
to an album.

He should closet himself with

a competent artist or two right
now, and work out a whining dig
of a cachet for next year, and a
different one for each year there-
after. Even printing it and charg-
ing a reasonable fee per envel-
ope. The cover fans are used
to attractive cachets and expect
them.It seems that at Ireland, Indiana,
Mrs. Clara Wigand has gotten
some kind of permission to ap-
ply a shamrock cachet to mail on
the big Irish Day, but I have not
been able to verify this.By the way this village got its
name from pioneer settlers, most-
ly Scotch-Irish, and Presbyterians
Later German immigrants flock-
ed in some of whom were Cath-
olics and Lutherans. But the
town is still Ireland.The word philately isn't so bad.
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and trolley transfers is called
peridromophily.Imagine asking a friend, espe-
cially in front of a mixed crowd,
how he is getting along with his
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bers it 311.2. It is the Delaware Tercen-
tenary issue of June 27, 1938 in
commemoration of the 300th an-
niversary of the founding of the
Swedish and Finnish settlement
at Wilmington, Delaware. The
stamp design was adapted from
a painting by Stanley M. Arthurs
of that city. It pictures colo-
nists under Peter Minuet making
overtures to an Indian chief. The
Kalmar Myckel is their ship
which can be easily seen.Hubbard Continues As
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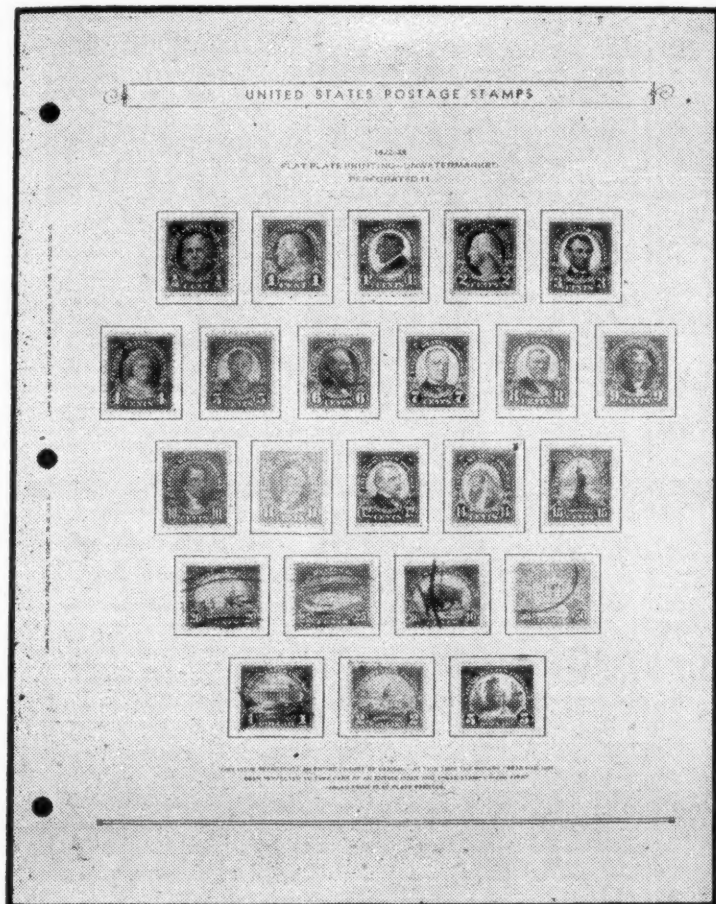
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SWEDEN: The Cabinet, caught between rising costs and political expediency, have instituted some increases in postage fees, but on the whole not as drastic as generally expected. The basic domestic and foreign rates remain unchanged at the current costs of letters at 20 and 30 ore respectively, postcards at 15 and 20 ore, and printed matter at 100 for the first 50 grams and 50 for each additional 100gr.

The 15 ore letter rate within urban districts has been discontinued since it was discovered that it cost just as much to handle this mail as for the rest of the nation.

Effective May 1 important increases will affect the following: (Current rates are in parenthesis) the basic parcel post rate 110 ore (800); money transfer 30 ore (200) for sums not over 10 Kr., and 60 ore (400) thereafter; disbursements from the postal giro 20 ore (150); and registration fee 40 ore (300).

It is expected that on January 1, 1952 the postage fees for periodicals and newspapers will advance as much as 50% over the current rates.

DENMARK: On March 24, the Centenary International Danish Philatelic Exhibition "CENTI-DAN" was opened in Copenhagen. It is in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the first Danish postage stamps. The exhibition program and catalog besides identifying the many exhibits also carries a number of valuable articles on philately. It is indeed a splendid piece of work.

A souvenir of the exhibition has been prepared by the managing committee but it should be borne in mind that it is a souvenir only and not a product of the post office with franking power. It consists of a miniature sheet with color reproductions of Denmark's first two postage stamps and the ring cancel in use 100 years ago.

The Post Office Department is recognizing the anniversary with the issuance of two commemorative stamps, both of the same design, and previously reported and illustrated in this paper. The design pictures one of the old "ball post" vehicles.

Also sponsored by the Post Office Department is an elaborate treatise written in English, titled "The Postage Stamps of Denmark, 1851-1951". Its author was the Danish expert, J. Smith Andersen, who is an architectural engineer by profession.

NORWAY: The Post Office Department has announced that the revised air letter would be released on March 10, but for reasons of its own the actual release was March 3.

The new air letter differs from the superseded one in a slight alteration of the printed instructions. Otherwise it is the same.

DENMARK: In February, the date not determined definitely, the new 50 ore air letter was released. Some time ago, the air letter rate had been boosted to this sum, but the Department had none printed ahead of this new value.

In the interim, the existing 40 ore received the imprint of a 10 ore stamp, thereby meeting the new fee. Another provisional means of handling the situation was the use of air letters without stamp which were run through a postage meter where a 50 ore meter imprint was added.

As far as is known, no first day recognition was made by the Post Office Department for the new 50 ore air letter.

SWEDEN: The Swedish Scout Union has recently released its annual seal for St. George's Day, April 23.

Rather well done in an ap-

pealing light blue color it depicts the Union's former leader, Count Folke Bernadotte, a cousin of the regent, King Gustaf Adolf.

It will be remembered that Count Bernadotte was assassinated while on a mission of arbitration in Palestine trying to reconcile the opposing Arabs and Jews in the war for Israel. He was also well known in the United States, and for that matter, was a familiar figure in most of the world's capitals.

As can be guessed from a look at the design, it is the work of an outstanding medal engraver, in this instance, Sweden's renowned Prof. Erik Lindberg.

The seals are sold in sheets of 25. They are also obtainable bound in booklet form of 20 sheets of 25 seals to the booklet.

Albion Collectors Exhibit On April 7
 The Seventh Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Albion Stamp Club will be held at the Parker Inn, Albion, Mich. Saturday, April 7, 2:00 to 10:00 p. m.

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22A	.30	.16	02	.01	.23	10	.06	.40
33	.01	.16	02	.01	.23	10	.06	.41
39	.01	.16	02	.01	.23	10	.06	.42
40	.01	.16	03	.01	.23	10	.06	.43
41	.01	.16	04	.01	.23	10	.06	.44
71	.01	.16	05	.01	.23	10	.06	.45
72	.03	.01	105A	.03	.23	10	.06	.46
73	.12	.01	.02	.01	.23	10	.06	.47
74	.02	.01	.166	.03	.23	10	.06	.48
75	.01	.01	.166F	.03	.23	10	.06	.49
79	.03	.01	.02	.01	.24	07	.07	.71
80	.02	.01	.167	.05	.24	08	.08	.72
81	.03	.01	.168	.03	.24	07	.07	.73
83	.01	.01	.169	.01	.24	06	.06	.74
83a	.01	.01	.170	.10	.24	06	.06	.75
84	.01	.01	.170A	.01	.24	06	.06	.76
85	.01	.01	.03	.03	.24	10	.04	.77
86	.01	.01	.170B	.03	.24	12	.03	.78
87	.01	.01	.06	.03	.24	09	.03	.79
87a	.03	.01	.171	.07	.24	09	.03	.80
88	.02	.01	.172	.01	.25	06	.06	.81
88a	.01	.01	.173	.04	.25	06	.06	.82
89	.01	.01	.173B	.03	.25	15	.05	.83
90	.04	.04	.03	.02	.25	3A	.03	.84
91	.02	.01	.173C	.01	.25	18	.04	.85
92	.02	.02	.02	.01	.25	05	.03	.86
94	.05	.01	.174	.01	.25	06	.03	.87
95a	.01	.01	.174A	.01	.25	06	.03	.88
96	.06	.01	.04	.02	.25	02	.01	.89
97	.01	.02	.174B	.01	.25	02	.01	.90
98	.03	.01	.04	.01	.25	01	.01	.91
99	.02	.01	.175	.01	.26	06	.01	.92
100	.02	.02	.175B	.01	.26	07	.01	.93
101	.01	.01	.06	.01	.26	03	.01	.94
102	.03	.03	.176	.01	.26	10	.03	.95
103	.03	.02	.176A	.01	.26	10	.03	.96
104	.01	.02	.05	.03	.26	10	.03	.97
105	.12	.01	.176B	.01	.26	10	.03	.98
106	.01	.03	.04	.01	.26	10	.03	.99
107	.01	.03	.176D	.01	.26	10	.03	.00
108	.04	.05	.06	.02	.26	10	.03	.01
110	.45	.25	.176E	.06	.27	02	.01	.02
111	.01	.04	.05	.01	.27	03	.02	.03
112	.02	.04	.176F	.01	.27	05	.01	.04
113	.04	.04	.05	.01	.27	05	.01	.05
114	.03	.03	.176G	.01	.27	15	.02	.06
115	.04	.04	.06	.01	.27	15	.02	.07
116	.17	.17	.176I	.01	.27	15	.02	.08
117	.06	.05	.15	.01	.27	15	.02	.09
119	.02	.02	.177	.06	.01	1.25	1.25	.10
120	.04	.02	.178	.10	.28	25	.10	.11
121	.06	.02	.179	.25	.27	.05	.03	.12
122	.03	.01	.180	.25	.28	.05	.03	.13
123	.02	.01	.181	.75	.15	.28	.05	.14
124	.02	.02	.182	.35	.25	.28	.05	.15
125	.02	.02	.183	.35	.25	.28	.05	.16
126	.01	.01	.195	.01	.28	.04	.04	.17
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132	.01	.01	.207	.30	.12	.30	.10	.23
133	.02	.01	.208	.25	.10	.31	.10	.24
134	.01	.01	.209	.20	.08	.31	.10	.25
135	.01	.01	.212	.01	.07	.32	.25	.26
136	.05	.01	.213	.20	.10	.31	.15	.27
137	.25	.01	.214	.20	.10	.32	.15	.28
138	.30	.02	.215	.01	.04	.33	.20	.29
139	.85	.21	.217	.05	.05	.34	.25	.30
140	.03	.03	.219	.06	.02	.34	.08	.31
141	.03	.03	.219A	.06	.02	.34	.08	.32
142	.04	.04	.01	.06	.03	.35	.04	.33
143	.01	.01	.219B	.03	.03	.36	.03	.34
144	.04	.01	.01	.08	.03	.36	.06	.35
145	.03	.01	.220	.10	.07	.37	.10	.36
146	.03	.01	.221	.06	.04	.38	.10	.37
147	.06	.03	.222	.18	.04	.39	.10	.38
148	.06	.03	.223	.18	.04	.40	.10	.39
149	.06	.03	.224	.18	.04	.41	.10	.40
150	.10	.03	.225	.06	.04	.42	.10	.41
151	.30	.30	.226	.08	.05	.43	.10	.42
152	.65	.28	.228	.10	.07	.44	.10	.43
153	.15	.15	.227	.10	.10	.44	.10	.44
154	.15	.15	.228	.10	.10	.45	.10	.45
155	.08	.08	.229	.10	.06	.46	.10	.46
156	.01	.01	.230	.10	.06	.47	.10	.47
157	.01	.01	.231	.10	.06	.48	.10	.48
158	.01	.01	.232	.10	.06	.49	.10	.49
159	.01	.01	.233	.10	.06	.50	.10	.50

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182-83	.05	.55	B31-33	1.60	1.60			
207-09	.00	.25	B35-38	.50	.50			
215-18	.00	.00	B39-42	.50	.50			
219-19B	.15	.06	B44-47	.65	.65			
224-26	.30	.15	B49-53	.65	.65			
227-32	.45	.35	B54-57	.35	.35			
233-38	.45	.35	B58-59	.10	.10			
239-40	.70	.70	B60-63	.20	.20			
241-42	.25	.14	B65-68	.15	.15			
247-62	.35	.05	B69-73	.25	.25			
270-74	.30	.06	B74-77	.15	.12			
285-87	.10	.10	B78-79	.12	.10			
297-99	.15	.15	B80-81	.15	.12			
B2-4	.55	.55	B82-86	.35	.35			
B5-7	1.25	1.15	B87-90	.30	.25			
B9-11	.42	.42	B91-93	.30	.25			
B12-14	.45	.45	B94-97	.45	.35			
B15-17	.42	.42	B98-100	.25	.17			
B18-20	.40	.40	B101-103	.30	.17			
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41	.17	.15	.10	.24	.08			
43	.20	.20	.15	.10	.24	.15	.12	
46	.06	.06	.15	.15	.24	.25	.18	
47	.12	.12	.15	.20	.24	.40	.35	
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1			.06	.17	.12	.25	.08	
1			.74	.17	.12	.25	.12	
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6			.06	.178	.05	.25	.04	
8			.12	.180	.06	.25	.07	
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9			.12	.182	.06	.25	.02	
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10			.22	.22	.186	.06	.25	.05
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16			.12	.183	.04	.26	.12	
17			.08	.194	.04	.26	.15	
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19			.06	.196	.04	.26	.35	
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2			.15	.199	.15	.26	.15	
2			.03	.200	.15	.26	.12	
24			.03	.201	.15	.26	.12	
28	.05	.03	.202	.04	.22	.06	.06	
29			.07	.204	.04	.22	.08	
31			.04	.205	.08	.23	.15	
31			.04	.206	.12	.24	.17	
33			.05	.207	.12	.25	.20	
34			.06	.208	.12	.26	.50	
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36	.08	.04	.17	.12	.06	.35	.35	
37			.04	.208B	.07	.17	.17	
38	.12	.25	.25	.18	.018	.15	.25	
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40			.08	.213	.12	.02	.06	
41			.18	.214	.15	.023	.07	
1			.08	.215	.20	.024	.15	
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2			.10	.218	.02	.035	.10	
3			.20	.02	.02	.038	.25	.35
7			.65	.220	.03	.041	.10	.07
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12	.15	.15	.223	.04	.043	.10	.06	.25
13	.15	.15	.224	.08	.044	.06	.06	.06
15	.18	.20	.225	.07	.045	.10	.05	.25
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16			.35	.227	.12	.047	.15	.25
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22			.05	.233	.30	.069	.45	.25
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